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1. The Chinese Communist Army has recently issued orders to improve the diet of combat troops. The substance of the order reads as follows:
  - a. Reports from the field armies and military districts indicate that combat troops are suffering from diseases caused by malnutrition and vitamin deficiency. Among those diseases are dry and itching skin, night blindness, nystagmus of the eyes, muscular twitches and spasms, and sores on the tongue.
  - b. The various units must take immediate measures to improve the diet of combat troops.
  - c. Medical personnel of the Supply and Service Corps must investigate the nutritive content in the diet of combat troops and make a comprehensive report. On the basis of this report a plan will be devised to improve the diet in a gradual and orderly manner. Speedy medical treatment must be given to those suffering from diseases arising from malnutrition.
  - d. The political workers must constantly inspect the troops and encourage competition for improving the diet in the army.
  - e. Commanders and heads of political departments should frequently eat in company messes so that they will know what improvements are being made.
  - f. By the end of December, 1950, the required health standards for combat troops must be attained.
2. On 18 September 1950, this order was transmitted from the North China Military District to the 20 Army Group Command in Tientsin.

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